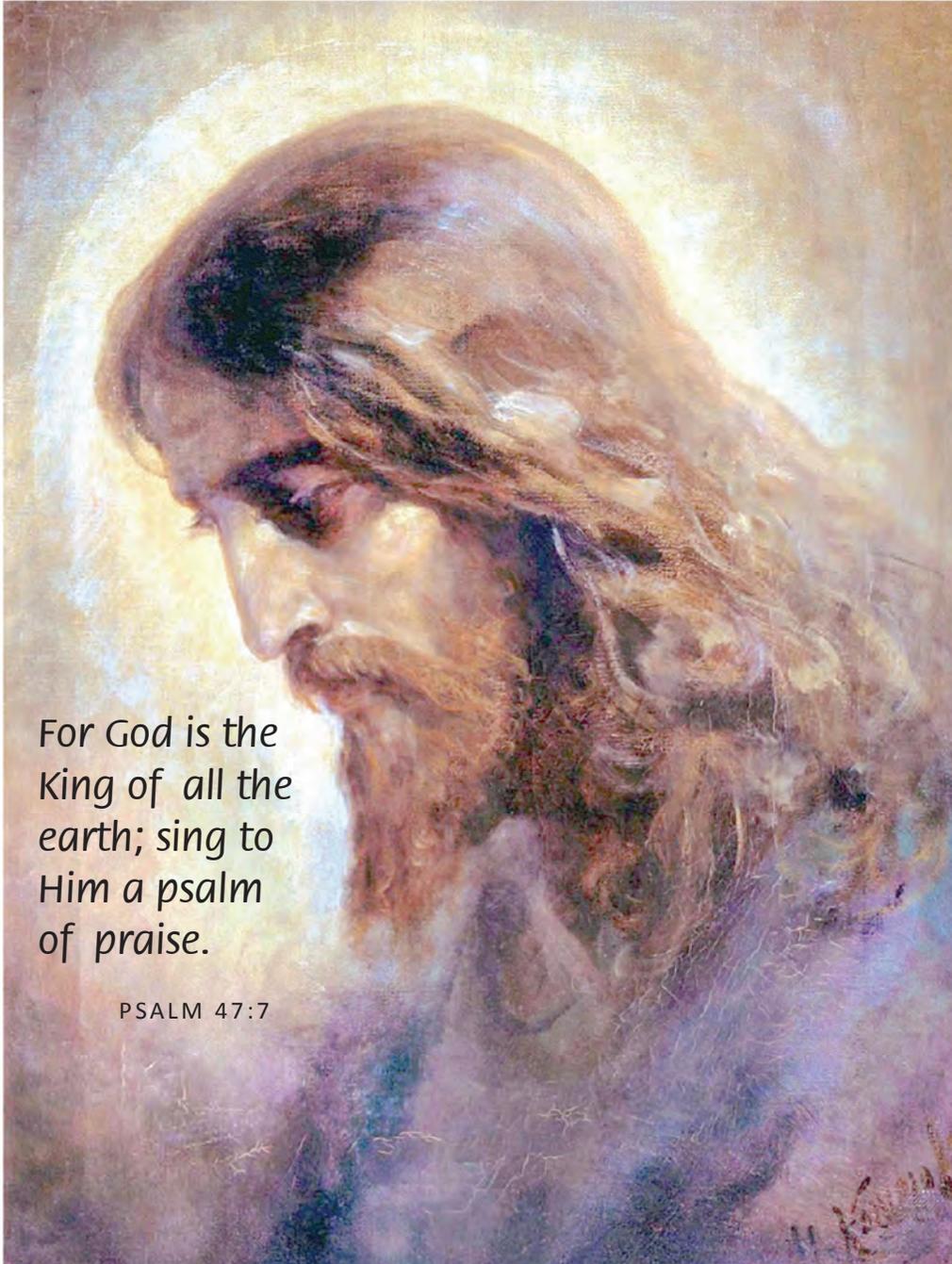


Feast of Christ the King



For God is the
King of all the
earth; sing to
Him a psalm
of praise.

PSALM 47:7

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Clifton, New Jersey

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Today we proclaim Jesus as savior of the world, as our king. But just as it is important to proclaim Jesus as our king, it is equally important to know where our king is to be found. Jesus is not found in the places that kings are usually expected to be. He is not found in a royal palace, or in the halls of power where our politicians sit. Jesus is found on the cross. That is good news for all of us who struggle with evil in our world.

The fact that the king of the universe is found on a cross is good news to the thief in today's gospel. Now we know almost nothing about this thief. We do not know how old he was or if he was married. We do not even know the crime for which he was crucified. But we know that as he hung on the cross next to Jesus, his life was coming to a violent and a cruel end. We know that as he hung in agony, his mind must have gone back to earlier times in his life when he missed certain opportunities, when he made decisions which he wished he could have made differently. He certainly thought of past choices which might have brought him to a different outcome other than this brutal execution. Now that he was crucified, his death was certain, and his hope was gone. There were no more choices that he could make. There was no way to find salvation at this last moment. Where could he possibly find reason to hope on that bloody hill of Calvary?

The joy of today's gospel is that the thief at the last moment found salvation. He recognized that the King of the Jews was hanging on the cross next to him. He recognized that the king of the universe was suffering with him. If that was the case, then salvation was near. In a remarkable mixture of surprise and faith the thief posed the ultimate request, "Jesus, remember me when you enter into your kingdom." And the king replied, "Truly, I tell you, this day you will be with me in paradise."

In his darkest hour the thief was able to find salvation because the king of the world was with him on the cross. That experience of the thief is good news for us, because every time you or I need to face a crisis in our lives, every time we must endure trouble or suffer pain, we know that our king is with us. Jesus is not aloof or unconcerned. In our troubles Christ is with us. He walks with us through the valley of death.

Now this truth that the king of the universe is with us does not eliminate evil from our lives. It does not allow our pain to evaporate. We believe one day Christ will return and establish the kingdom, and at that time every evil will be destroyed, and every tear will be dried. But that time is not yet. For the present, evil is real and continues to touch our lives. The innocent suffer, cancer kills, our hearts are broken by rejection by loss. The victory of Christ has not yet destroyed the evil which surrounds us. But until that day when it does, Christ the king is with us amidst the evil. This presence of Christ can make a fundamental difference in our lives.

Although evil continues, if Christ is with us in that evil, then we can find the strength to fight it. We cannot avoid suffering or pain. But if Christ is with us, we need not suffer alone. Death is inevitable. But if Christ is with us, then like the good thief we can hear the promise of life eternal. Christ is our king, and we know where to find him. We find him amid the struggles of our lives. So, as we look forward and anticipate the fears, the troubles, the pains of this upcoming week, let us remember that we are not alone. As we cope with issues in our family, in our work, in our world, let us remember that strength is close at hand. As we deal with doubt and discouragement, with rejection and pain, let us recall that our king is near. Christ is with us. Christ not only recognizes our need. He stands with us amid the evil in our world. We must know what the good thief knew. Our king is near us. Our king and our salvation is hanging on the cross next to us.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone



PLEASE NOTE

The word *Eucharist* means "to give thanks."
Celebrate the Eucharist with us on Thanksgiving Day
at 9 AM with Fr. Nico in the church.

The Parish office will be closed on
Thursday, November 24th, and Friday, November 25th.

THANKSGIVING GRACE

*Father, we give you thanks this day
as we remember that all gifts come from you.
You created us in your own image and likeness,
set us over all creation as your stewards.
Once you chose a people and
gave them a promise that
all would be blessed, and all could be free.
We remember the faith of our ancestors
who came to this land as
a place of promise and hope.
Our prayer of thanks reminds us to be
grateful for your bountiful gifts.
You lead us to the blessed vision of peace.
Bless all of us present and those we love
who cannot be with us today.
Bless this meal,
a symbol of your daily care for us.
As we share this gift
may we grow in love and service
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



ANTICIPATING ADVENT & Christmas

Advent Penance Service

Monday, December 5
7 PM

Advent Talk by Fr. Nico

Saturday, December 10
9:30 AM

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 11
3 PM

Christmas Eve Masses

Saturday, December 24
4 PM, 7 PM and 10 PM

Christmas Day Masses

Sunday, December 25
8 AM, 10 AM (Broadcast) and 12 PM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31
Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, January 1
8 AM, 10 AM (Broadcast) and 12 PM

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study with Father Kevin continues every
Monday at 11 AM in the Youth Room of Molloy Center.
Please bring your Bible.

Come Join Our Bible Study 

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

ALTAR SERVERS, WE NEED YOU!

New and returning altar servers are invited to serve at the Weekend Masses! Father Nico will be glad to practice and review the Mass with you.

To begin or continue serving, confirm your availability for scheduling by contacting the Parish Office at (973) 779-6200.

LECTORS, WE NEED YOU!

New lectors/readers are invited to serve at the Weekend Masses! Father Nico will be glad to train you.

To begin serving, please contact the Parish Office at (973) 779-6200.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The students and staff have been busy preparing for Thanksgiving. Throughout the halls there are signs of autumn and November holidays: fall leaves and pumpkins and turkeys are everywhere! We have all been counting our blessings and looking forward to seeing friends and family. All of us at SPPS wish all the people of the parish a blessed and safe Thanksgiving. Happy Travels!

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIME TIMERS

The Annual Christmas Party of the Prime-Timers will be held on **Friday, December 2nd at 1 PM at Bella Napoli** on Broad Street in Bloomfield. The cost is \$40. Please contact Stasia at (973) 473-2068 for more information.

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting for the blanket ministry will be **Thursday, December 1st at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center**. We have recently donated many hats and scarves to be distributed with the K of C jacket giveaway at the Boys and Girls Club. Thank you to our generous members who donate their time and money to our ministry. An additional thank you to the parishioners who have donated yarn and fabric.

For information, call Cathie Murtha (973) 471-1265.

BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop 21 is having their **Annual Wreath Sale** after all masses on **Saturday, November 26th, and Sunday November 27th** as well as **Saturday, December 3rd, and Sunday, December 4th**. They will be selling fresh wreaths as well as grave blankets and grave pillows outside the Church. Please stop by and support Boy Scout Troop 21! Call Phil Jakimowicz at (973) 723-6111 for pre-orders or more information.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

 The HSA is hosting a **Breakfast with Saint Nicholas AKA Santa** on **Saturday, December 3rd at 9AM in the Auditorium**.

Hot and cold breakfast buffet, professional photographer, crafts, games and of course a special visitor from the North Pole.

Tickets are available for **\$20 per person** and each child's ticket will also include one 5x7 photo print.

Extra print packages will be available for an additional charge. For more Information, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at (973) 779-6200.

MINISTRY IN SUPPORT OF LIFE



KIDS KORNER

< KID'S KORNER > Gospel Today
 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | Luke 23:35-43
 One of the criminals, believing Jesus was truly Christ the King, asked Jesus for forgiveness. Jesus replied, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

PARADISE

BIBLE WORD SEARCH Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Jesus	C	C	D	C	R	I	M	I	N	A	L	S	S
Christ													
King	R	Y	R	S	E	W	R	N	E	S	O	H	C
Chosen													
One	O	L	J	I	B	D	R	N	W	O	R	C	O
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Yourself													
Inscription	E	S	Y	I	E	E	S	C	N	R	E	S	G
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Crimes	S	U	J	D	M	D	S	E	V	G	P	A	R
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Punished	S	J	E	N	E	S	S	N	D	C	U	I	G
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Amen	P	E	P	M	A	D	K	I	N	G	D	O	M

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Roman
Nicholas*



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 Andrew Carl Chambers, Violet Martha Shackil

A Time to be Healed...

Susan Stierlen, Jill Festa, Sylvia Shami, Edward Kovacs, Dominick Cappello, Todd Daigneault, Cheri Albanesius, James Jablonowski, Elmer Rodriguez, Michael Barbetta, John Hughes, Bernadette Menzaco, Janet Jelenski, Adelaido Cuasay

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2022

5:30 PM Fr. Kevin

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

10:00 AM Fr. Nico

12:00 PM Fr. Nico

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 14, 2021 \$18, 738.00

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SECOND COLLECTION - PROJECT FAITH \$ 2,117.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

November 20 - Catholic Home Missions

November 27- Project Faith

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Brian O'Donnell

Marlene Chidiac

Salvatore LoBalbo

Michael Landers

12:00 For Babies in the Womb and Their Families

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022

9:00 Michael T. Renda

Thanksgiving Intention of

Mr. and Mrs. Teo Maglente

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2022

9:00 Barbara R. Morrissey

Robert Baren

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2022

9:00 Felicita Sales

Cynthia Franklin

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2022

9:00 Josephine and Domenick Pagano

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2022

9:00 Thomas J. and Ruth C. Mullin

Bill Pompeo

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2022

9:00 Doris Czopek

5:30 Stasia and Joseph Piechocki

Domenick Pagano

Victor Shami

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

8:00 Deceased members of the McNamara Family

Michael Joe Landers

10:00 Amador Velasco Sanz

Ralph Saam – 21st Anniversary

Leonard Johnson

Ella DeBenedetto

12:00 All the People of the Parish

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